## Meditation

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#### Disclaimer

None of the claims I make are guaranteed and the effects will vary from person to person.

#### Overview

Meditation is a technique that may be defined as being in a state of non-judgemental awareness of the present moment. Meditation is a technique that when learnt becomes a skill to train ones mind.

# Benefits - Physical

Immune function
pain
hypertension
brain structure
inflammation

# Benefits - Psychological

Cognition memory creativity stress anxiety depression

#### Benefits - Social

Empathy
introspection
compassion
emotion regulation

## Benefits – Productivity

Improved focus attention to details ability to multi-task

## Myths

Religious practice/ritual.

One has to sit still for hours to have any benefits.

It is a breathing exercies.

### How to Meditate – Overview

Two parts: Technique

**Practice** 

## How to Meditate – Technique

- **step 1.** Sit comfortably with a straight back
- **step 2.** Observe with attention the breathing incoming and outgoing
- **step 3.** Gently bring attention back to breath if/when you lose it

### How to Meditate – Remarks

Mind will wander – it is normal With practice focus will improve

#### Bottomline

Similar to swimming, one has to experience meditation to realize its nature and benefits

# Thank You! Questions?

Acknowledgment: